
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 881

AN ACT CONCERNING FARM WINERIES.

SUMMARY:

By law, a farm winery permittee must grow, on land he or she controls, an average crop of at least 25% of the fruit used to make the permittee's wine. Generally, an "average crop" is the average yield of the permittee's two largest annual crops for the preceding five years. But, during the first seven years after the farm winery permit is issued, the average crop is calculated as three tons of grapes for each vineyard acre farmed, which can be a lower threshold.

This bill specifies that the seven-year exemption period does not start over if the farm winery property is transferred or sold during the seven-year period.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/12/2013)